CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: Three Sisters' Story

Other known title(s): 3SIS

OFLC ref: 0900911.000

Medium: Computer Game

Publisher: JAST USA

Country of origin: Japan

Language: English

Applicant: Secretary for Internal Affairs

Classification:	Objectionable.

Excisions: No excisions recommended

Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 11 September 2009

Date of direction to issue a label: No direction to issue a label has been issued

	Components	**Running time**
Game:	Three Sisters' Story	
Total running time:		

Summary of reasons for decision:

The game presents still images and text that legitimises sexual violation and rape in a manner that is intended to sexually arouse the player who takes on the role of a rapist who preys primarily on school girls. These actions are presented as enjoyable, legitimate and as having no adverse consequences for the rapist. Sexual violation and rape are essential to complete the game in its entirety. Consequently these presentations cause the game to tend to promote and support the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes, and the use of violence to compel a person to submit to sexual conduct.
The Classification Office has considered the effects of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990

on the application of the classification criteria. The classification of this publication interferes with the freedom of expression, but this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications falling under s3(2) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act are deemed to be objectionable.